



THE CHALLENGE

Challenge Program
Marking Period 2

North East Middle
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CCPS Challenge Website

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Challenge Program Philosophy

The Challenge program recognizes that each student is unique and has his/her own individual abilities, promise and potential. There is no single gifted student profile. It is the purpose of the Challenge Program to nurture the development of productive habits of mind that characterize creative problem-solvers and lifelong learners.

Destination Imagination

The Destination Imagination regional tournament is fast approaching. Destination Imagination is a team competition that requires collective problem solving and teamwork from the 6-team members. North East Middle has one Destination Imagination team that has been practicing and refining their projects and presentations in preparation for this main event. Please come out to support the teams at the regional tournament at Edgewood High School on March 3rd. We hope to see you there!

NEMS Chess Club

The NEMS Chess Club is well underway in preparation for the 2012 CCPS Middle School Chess Tournament. The club meets after school on Fridays from 2:45 – 4:00. It is still not too late to join the NEMS Chess Club. If interested in joining please see Mr. Amma or Mr. Keyes for a permission slip. No chess experience necessary to join!

Grade Level Challenge News

Since the beginning of last school year, 6th, 7th, 8th, Fine and Practical, and Physical Education teachers have been participating in professional development on differentiating instruction. During this time administration and myself have been collaboratively planning differentiated lessons with classroom teachers in order to meet the academic needs of all students.

The sixth grade Math teachers and myself have taught a Kingore Planned Experience in their classrooms. These planned experiences involved students using their creativity to solve a problem using various shapes.

Recently, the 6th grade Social Studies Team and I took 40 students to the University of

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As with any child, school can be a challenge for gifted students too. If you feel that your child is having any difficulty socially or emotionally, please contact your School Counselor and Challenge Instructional Coach. We are here to help and support you and your child.